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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, with regard to this particular channel, whether the distributor taking off from this so-called water course was not repaired by Government ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"It is a sluice that was repaired Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"I am speaking of the distributary channel that takes off from this so-called water course. Was it or was it not repaired by the Government and a masonry work erected thereon to carry the water almost to the verge of the river Tungabhadra ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I must ask for notice, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether the vent-way under question was reduced in about 1921 and, as open cuts are indiscriminately made, whether the ryots at the tail end are not suffering badly ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I do not know."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether at any time Mr. Venkayya was aware of any promise made by the ryots and whether at any jamabandi he was told that there was a promise by the ryots that they would construct this channel ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"I could not say, Sir, what Mr. Venkayya's knowledge might be."

Legislative

Members of the Legislative Council appointed to posts under Government.

* 611 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the Members of this Council who have been appointed to posts under Government or have been nominated to honorary offices since the beginning of this Council ;

(b) the nature of the posts or the offices to which they have been appointed or nominated ; and

(c) the reasons why they were preferred to others ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) A list [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"Considering that 53 hon. Members of this Council have been rewarded by the Government in one way or other, may I know whether the Government in making these appointments have ever considered the possible effect on Members of this Council of such distribution of favours among them ?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—"They are not favours, Sir ; they are duties."

(Mr. S. Satyamurti : Oh !)

Loans

Applications for loans for sinking wells from the Chingleput district.

* 612 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the district of Chingleput applications for loans are not promptly attended to by the officers concerned ; and

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(*b*) whether the Government will, in view of the prevalence of famine conditions in the district, consider the advisability of appointing special officers to attend to applications for loans ?

A.—(*a*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as stated.

(*b*) The Government are not aware of the prevalence of famine conditions and do not see the need for appointing special officers for loans work. Under the rules in the Takkavi Manual, Collectors are competent to employ temporary establishments, when necessary, for the speedy disposal of loan applications.

Public Service

Prohibition of Government servants from becoming members of trade unions.

* 613 *Q.*—Mr. C. GOPALA MENON : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether orders have been passed by the Government prohibiting the Government servants from becoming members of a Trade Union registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act of 1926 ?

A.—The Government of India have under consideration the question of the registration of associations of Government servants under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926, and have informed local Governments that pending a decision on the revision of the rules governing the formation and conduct of such associations, they think it inadvisable that the associations should apply for registration. Till final orders on the subject are received therefrom, the local Government have instructed Government servants not to be members of an association seeking registration as a Trade Union.

Communal representation in the public services.

* 614 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have recently considered the question of communal representation in the public services ;

(*b*) whether they have issued a Government Order on the subject referred to in (*a*) ;

(*c*) whether they will place on the table their decisions on the question referred to in (*a*) ; and

(*d* whether they have come to a decision on or have under consideration the question of penalising Government servants belonging to a particular community on account of their birth in the matter of promotions ?

A.—(*a*) The question that has been under the consideration of Government is that of the representation of different communities in recruitment to the public services rather than that of their representation in the public services though no doubt recruitment of different communities must eventually lead to those communities being represented in the public service.

(*b*) Orders have issued regarding recruitment to certain services and are under consideration regarding the rest.

(*c*) A statement will be placed on the table when the consideration of the subject is complete.

(*d*) The answer to both clauses of the question is in the negative.